

TEUTONS, VICTORIOUS IN EAST, LOSE GROUND IN WEST

Paris. — German reinforcements are being rushed up to Verdun front to meet new French offensive. In response to crown prince's appeal for help Teutons are shifting regiments back from Somme to Verdun front. German units from Somme battlefield arrived before Verdun yesterday while the French were smashing their way northward, but too late to take part in the day's action.

Gen. Nivelle's lightning stroke northwest of Verdun yesterday accomplished a two-fold purpose. It definitely removed German menace to Verdun and it halted massing of huge German army on Bapaume-Peronne line for great counter-attack on Somme.

German lines were thrown back two miles at point where they made their nearest approach to Verdun. Ft. Douaumont, village of Douaumont and other positions were captured. Battered Ft. Vaux, surmounting hill southeast of Douaumont is only important work on northeast front of Verdun remaining.

It is believed here that the Germans miscalculated strength of Gen. Nivelle's forces and stripped Verdun lines past danger point to prepare for counter-attack on the Somme. While troop-shifting was in progress French guns began tuning up and French infantry struck before German regiments could be recalled from the Somme.

Paris. — Two violent German counter-attacks were delivered last night and this morning against positions on Haudromont-Damloup line northeast of Verdun, won by French in yesterday's great assault. Both failed.

Berlin, via Wireless to Sayville. — Russians have lost 1,797,522 men in killed, wounded and captured since Galician offensive began June 1, the Semi-Official News Agency declared today.

London. — Germans shelled British

front northeast of Courcelette and also along Pozieres-Bapaume road.

Berlin. — On northeast front of Verdun a French attack as far as burning Ft. Douaumont gained ground.

Berlin, via Wireless to Sayville. — Cernavoda, eastern terminus of the great 14-mile railway bridge crossing the Danube into Rumania, was captured by Field Marshal Mackensen's army this morning.

Petrograd. — The Russo-Rumanian forces have abandoned positions at Cernavoda, eastern end of great railway bridge leading into old Rumania.

Bucharest. — Rumanian troops have evacuated Cernavoda, retiring northward.

WITNESS DETAILS SHOOTING OF ANTI-CATHOLIC LECTURER

Galveston, Tex., Oct. 25. — Clarence F. Hall of St. Paul, Minn., who was an eye-witness to the shooting of Wm. Black, anti-Catholic lecturer, in Marshall, Tex., Feb. 3, 1915, resumed his testimony today in the trial of John Copeland, charged with Black's murder. Hall was employed by Black to handle the business end of the latter's lectures. He is now employed at the Overland Automobile factory in Toledo, O.

Hall said Black claimed to have been a Catholic priest and later to have been a Methodist preacher. The witness in testifying yesterday and today told in detail how Black was shot during an altercation with five men in a Marshall hotel, after he had refused to cancel his lecture engagement and leave the city.

TODAY IN ILLINOIS HISTORY

Oct. 25, 1674. — Father Marquette left Green Bay to go as missionary to the Illinois Indians.

Boston. — Capt. Tudor, of British steamship Hochelaga, arrived today from Halifax and said rumor was current there that submarine U-53 had been sunk by Canadian destroyer.